

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.	:	10/529160	Confirmation No.	4340
Applicant	:	Masatoshi Kanayama et al.		
Filed	:	April 28, 2005		
TC/A.U.	:	2142		
Examiner	:	Jason D. Recek		
Title	:	COMBINATION EQUIPMENT SELECTION SYSTEM USING NETWORK		
Docket No.	:	NIS-16015		
Customer No.	:	040854		

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

In accordance with Rule 56, applicant is aware of the publications listed in the enclosed copy of Patent Office Form PTO/SB/08A. These publications were first cited in the European Search Report dated December 9, 2008 (copy attached) in the corresponding European application. A copy of each of the foreign publications is attached herewith.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. NIS-16015.

Respectfully submitted,

RANKIN, HILL & CLARK LLP

By /David E. Spaw/  
David E. Spaw, Reg. No. 34732

38210 Glenn Avenue  
Willoughby, Ohio 44094-7808  
(216) 566-9700